

Friends of the Petawawa Research Forest
 Annual General Meeting (#18)
 Tuesday, November 20th, 2019; 7 p.m. Deep River Public Library

Attendance:		Regrets:
Robin Cunningham Frank Knaapen Tom Moore Hilary Veen	Melissa Vekeman Dave Lemkay +18 other members/guests (includes 7 students)	John Pineau Ronnie Huang Jordon MacMillan Jake Wakelin

1. Opening remarks by Robin, overview of history of PRF, mentions talk about indigenous values made a few years ago.
2. Introduction of BOD to members/guests by Robin Cunningham.
3. Hilary gave overview of last year's AGM and minutes are accepted.
4. Melissa presented treasurer's report.
5. Kitchissippi run – This is the 7th run, which utilizes the roads in the PRF, keeping people off the streets and roads and keeping them safe. More than 200 people took part. The run raises money for the hospital. Collette and Amanda Houghton presented us with donation of \$1000 in appreciation for the use of the property.
6. Robin presented presidents report in form of a slide presentation. Highlights of the year were:
 - Dave Lemkay spearheaded the PRF as Forestry Capital of Canada
 - U of T Forestry tour in February
 - CIF international night in March
 - Donation for Algonquin Forest Technician Awards night in March
 - Batesville memorial tree plant in May
 - Bird hike in May
 - Kitchissippi run in October
 - CIF National conference in October
 - Arboretum started in 2013 and now has 178 trees with 81 species, which Algonquin forestry students make much use of.
7. Frank gives update on the trails system, all trails are cleared, the new snowshoe trail links up with R8 and R1 and crosses R9.
8. Board business: The old Board of Directors was dissolved, with Ronnie and Melissa stepping down. Melissa is the new acting Operations Manager of the PRF so cannot sit on the Board and Ronnie has moved to Haliburton for a new position. The other Board members are returning. Peter Arbour and Cash Allard will sit on the Board.
9. Melissa gave an update of the professional activities occurring on the PRF, including:
 - Dan Turcotte retired. Dan took care oversaw all the maintenance of the PRF road network, and supporting fleet and facilities.
 - Peter Arbour took a leave to pursue the position of Coordinator of the Forestry program at Algonquin College
 - PRF was Forestry Capital of Canada for 2017-2019
 - Emerald Ash Borer traps are in 3 locations in both white and black ash, no insects were found, although they are present in Renfrew County at Lake Dore
 - Biomass Harvest study – re-emerging market – 120 ha study site to determine how to economically harvest biomass, full tree vs. tree length
 - Adaptive silviculture for climate change. Michael Hoepting, studying how species adapt
 - Error checking and updating PSP database
 - Forest Management plan – using single photo LiDAR, hosted information session

10. Our guest speaker was Jeff Leavey, General Manager of the Algonquin Forest Authority. He has previous experience with the OMNR and SFL. The AFA is board governed and has offices in Huntsville and Pembroke, with 24 full time and 20 contract staff. Here are some stats:

- AAC – 400,000 m³
- 63% of park can be logged
- 300 people employed in the park due to forestry activities
- 300 people employed in mills
- they sell to 31 different destinations
- sales of \$25 million
- contractors paid \$24 million

11. The AGM was adjourned by Robin